

IT ISN'T WHAT A MAN HAS OR GETS THAT COUNTS THESE DAYS, IT'S WHAT HE DOESN'T WANT

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Swathed in Bandages,
Gedeon Stays in Game

Maroons and Truxtons
Will Determine Title

GEDEON PLAYING BASEBALL, THOUGH HE HAS BANDAGES

By LOUIS DOUGHER.

Joe Gedeon is playing second base for the Yankees because he wants to stick in fast company. If ambition counted little to him, he'd now be on the bench, nursing the water cooler, for the California Catamount, as he was known when a member of the Washington club, is still carrying bandages from a recent operation.

Gedeon understands that he is now serving out what may be his last week with the Yankees. There's no idle bunk about Joe. He isn't all swelled up over himself. He knows that he is working out a Federal League contract and that he must deliver the goods to hold on. But he never did quit.

At the Raleigh Hotel, where the Yankees are living while here, Joe is meeting his Washington friends. He has the same old smile, the same old hearty grip of the hand. But Joe has changed a whole lot since playing with the Griffins.

"Well, I'm married now," explains Joe to the questioner, "maybe that's why I was a harum-scarum kid when with Griff. I'm only twenty-four years old now, but I've learned a lot since going to the New York club.

Hands Griff a Boost.

"I'm sorry I didn't need good here, for Griff is the best manager I ever had. Griff is a real white fellow. He doesn't say much to me now when we meet on the field, but his heart's in the right place, and I know it.

"Of course, you know why I jumped. I wanted to get the money. That's why I went to the Feds, though they broke up before I ever played with them. A lot of other fellows did the same thing. But that's all done and gone now.

"No, I wasn't in very good shape this year, though I wanted to show Manager Donovan that I was a major leaguer. It wasn't till the team went West the last time that I was able to get into the line-up.

Had a Lot of Abscesses.

"I had a lot of abscesses break out on me and I went to the hospital. They operated on me and now I'm able to sit up and take nourishment, but it felt pretty rotten while I was in the hospital.

"I'm still carrying bandages on the abscesses.

"I can't bend down for a ground ball until I was operated on in New York. I thought my back would break every time I went down for a ball. Of course, I didn't have a chance to play regularly, feeling like that. Finally I went to the hospital and had the darn things fixed up.

"I hope to get another trial with the Yankees next year. Bill Donovan is a great fellow to play for, believe me, and I'd like nothing better than to make good in New York. But, at the same time, I'm sorry I didn't make good for Griff, for he's a white fellow."

Laughs at Old Times.

Gedeon had several good laughs last night when he recalled his first days with the Washington club at Charlottesville, home of snow and ice. "One winter, I got away with murder down at Charlottesville," laughed Joe. "I never will forget the night we had the sham battle with the firework or fixed up Henry Green's hair with the talcum powder, or went down to court and got Henry's laundry away from the Chinaman. I must have been a great big kid when he pulled that stuff."

Gedeon was a mere kid when he came to the Washington club. He has become a real man now. He may not remain with the New York club, that's something that will be decided only by his work on the field. But Joe made many friends among the Washington players and in the Washington camp, and I am glad to say that I am one who is putting for Joe to stick with the Yankees and become a real big leaguer.

JOE LEONARD PLAYING FIRST LIKE A VETERAN

Washington fans got their first peek at Joe Leonard holding down first base yesterday, and those fans who saw him voted him the goods.

Leonard is fast on his feet and this speed came in handy when he came through with his best play of the day in the third inning.

Urban Shocker was at bat, with Nunamaker, a slow-footed runner, on first base through the medium of a hard bingle to right. Shocker tried to lay down a bunt, but it became a measly foul fly. Leonard was in on it like a hawk, seized it in his outstretched hand, and, turning, threw to Morgan in time to double up Nunamaker at first base.

Leonard handled himself like a veteran around the initial corner and deserved the applause he received.

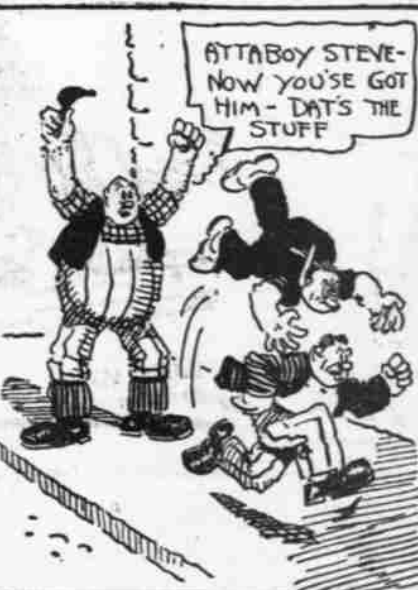
SUNDAY BALL OFFERS BALTIMORE OPPORTUNITY

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 6.—"If Baltimore really wants big league base, let the fans there get behind the movement to legalize Sunday baseball," is Jack Dunn's comment on recent rumors that his home town is to get a major league berth.

"Half a dozen big baseball men have admitted to me that Sunday baseball is the best route for Baltimore to take if it would regain a major league ranking. I hope the fans will rally to the cause."

Sinned Against Samuel

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BAD WEATHER, NOT WAR, BLAMED FOR POOR ATTENDANCE

CHICAGO, Sept. 6.—Bad weather to be the reason for the great falling off in attendance upon big league baseball games this season. Washington is the one city suffering from the war, the explanation being that government workers are too busy these days to go to the ball games.

In the National League New York alone is making money, though the attendance has fallen off. Cincinnati and St. Louis have backed the National League in good style.

Philadelphia, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago and Boston are making money, but Philadelphia is the only one ahead of last year's figures.

Unofficial attendance figures gathered this season show the following results:

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
CHICAGO—Behind last year's attendance. Due wholly to cold, rainy weather.

BOSTON—Much behind last year, due to weakness of Browns and many championships and cold, rainy weather.

DETROIT—Making good showing, but several thousands behind last year.

CLEVELAND—Almost up to last year. More fortunate as to weather conditions.

ST. LOUIS—To the bad by half, due to weakness of Browns and advertising given the Cardinals.

NEW YORK—Almost up to last year.

PHILADELPHIA—Ahead of last year, due to large Italian following of Ping Bodie and interest in new team.

WASHINGTON—Worst in league, attendance far below that of last year.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
CHICAGO—Behind last year's attendance.

CINCINNATI—Almost up to last year's figures, due to Matthews' personal popularity and position of the Reds.

NEW YORK—Behind in attendance, but making money and better off than any other club in the league.

PHILADELPHIA—Attendance good, but behind last year's.

ST. LOUIS—Behind a little, but still pretty good, owing to first division berth and reorganization.

BOSTON—Worst in years.

PITTSBURGH—Worst in years, owing to absence of Hans Wagner and personal unpopularity of Barney Dreyfuss.

LEAGUE STANDINGS.

AMERICAN.				
	W.	L.	Pct.	Today.
Chicago	80	41	.654	.657 .650
Boston	78	50	.609	.613 .606
Cleveland	73	50	.593	.597 .586
Detroit	68	55	.554	.557 .550
New York	58	67	.463	.463 .466
WASHINGTON	58	67	.463	.463 .466
Philadelphia	47	79	.373	.373 .370
St. Louis	58	85	.370	.373 .363

When They Play.

TODAY		TOMORROW	
New York at Wash.	Detroit at St. L.	New York at Wash.	Detroit at St. L.
Boston at Phila.	Boston at Phila.	Boston at Phila.	Boston at Phila.
Detroit at St. L.	Detroit at St. L.	Boston at Phila.	Boston at Phila.

Yesterday's Games.

Washington, 2; New York, 8.
Boston, 2; Philadelphia, 1.
Chicago, 4; St. Louis, 1 (innings).

NATIONAL.				
	W.	L.	Pct.	Today.
New York	80	44	.645	515 560
Philadelphia	68	52	.566	389 561
St. Louis	69	62	.527	350 523
Chicnnatti	63	64	.507	311 504
Chicago	66	66	.500	504 496
Brooklyn	60	64	.484	438 480
Boston	52	68	.434	442 474
Pittsburgh	42	84	.333	344 328

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New York at Wash.	Detroit at St. L.	New York at Wash.	Detroit at St. L.	New York at Wash.
St. Louis at Phila.	Boston at Phila.	St. Louis at Phila.	Boston at Phila.	St. Louis at Phila.

Yesterday's Games.				
Washington, 3; New York, 6.	Boston, 2; Brooklyn, 1.	Chicago, 4; St. Louis, 1 (11 innings).		

Where They Play.				
TODAY	TOMORROW	TODAY	TOMORROW	TODAY
Brooklyn at Boston.	Brooklyn at Boston.	Phila. at New York.	Phila. at New York.	Phila. at New York.
Phila. at Chicago.	Phila. at Chicago.	St. Louis at Phila.	St. Louis at Phila.	St. Louis at Phila.

BIG LEAGUE BIFFERS				
Club	A.R.	H.	T.B.	Ave.
McInnis, Athletics	1	1	1	1.000
Caldwell, Yankees	1	1	1	1.000
Ames, Cards	1	1	1	1.000
High, Yankees	1	1	1	1.000
Burns, Giants	4	3	8	.750
Kinuff, Cubs	4	3	8	.750
Lane, Cards	4	4	8	.667
Johnson, White Sox	3	3	6	.500
Johnson, Browns	3	3	6	.500
Whitted, Phila.	3	3	6	.500
Morgan, Griffs	3	3	6	.500

ABIE WRITES TO GRIFFITH ABOUT GAME ADVENTURE

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

(With Apologies to Hershfield.)

Mollich, take dictate.

I would write lettech to Clark Griff. I would tell him he has fine pitch.

Dear Clark, I go to your baseball park and see the players. They are fine, big fellah, they eat a lot more than me, they are more stinger than Pinck, and he is awful stinger than anybody else I know. Your baseball players don't give them New Yorkers nothing. They don't give them a run.

Dear Clark, I want congratulate you, postivel, on your base ball team. It is a great team, postivel. It is niftick. The sport editor, he say you're sixth, but I want congratulate you. Your team had ought be first.

I go out to baseball park with Minck and the sport editor, the last one a hard fellah. He smokes cigars, two for a quarter, so he says. He drinks high ball. He sees Benneh Leonard, a Jewish fellah, champion of the world, boxing on the Monument grounds. I don't believe this, but that's what he tells me. I listen. They can't fool Abie, the Agent, not Abie.

Doc Cox Great Fellich.

This sport editor, he say, "Good night, Griff's working Old Doctor Cox. What's the use? Let's go back to Shoo's."

I say, "Nothing like that. Let's go back to Sam Steinberger's. Beer's only a nickle there. Besides, I don't like that Willy Fiebban fellah, or that CHIEF H. O., or that Bishop Flanagan. They cost too much for their beer. Besides, I don't like as much beer as you like."

The sport editor say, "Come on, Abie, don't be a piker. Stick around, maybe I'll introduce you to Marshall Little, the fellah that made the draft peer."

Just then three fellahs, they come in to the press box and say, "Hello, kid." I don't like them fellahs, postivel. Besides, I don't like the sport editor, Washington TIMES.

Abie Meets 'Em.

"Abie, meet Lord Fitzherbert and Tommy Thompson. Oh, yes, Mr. Dugan, Abie," says the sport editor. I shake their hand, niftick like, you know, just as if I sell them a bill of goods.

Just then Mike Menosky, a Irish Jew like Minck, a tough fellah, hits the ball. It goes out to the right side and I yell, quiet like. I don't like this Dugan fellah. He been in a fight or something, all marked up. I hate to laugh. He's a friend of the sport editor, who gave me a free ticket.

Then Tommy Thompson say, "Mike's over on Rice's office." I look, but I don't see no one for nobber, not a single fellah. I look at all the fine advertisements on the fence. Next season I put the Complex Automobile Company there. If I can make some business with the fellahs who run that fence.

In Comes Ben Minor.

Then a fellah and another fellah come in and talk to Dugan, friend of the sport editor. They wave their hands. They make noise, just like Minck. They must be selling something.

"Don't mind them," say the sport editor. "That's just Ben Minor and Billy Fowler. Don't mind them."

That Fowler is a niftick fellah, full o' style.

"See that fat guy?" say the sport editor. "That's Edgar Brown, the Printers' manager, the guy that bought a hotel in Philadelphia. See him? Right there, smoking a cigar—a good nickle cigar."

Gen, that Brown is a fat guy, Griff—a real fat guy.

Sam Rice Stuns One.

Then the sport editor says, "Abie, did you see that triple? Don't miss this stuff." I look away from that business fence and a fellah in a white suit is on the left.

"That Rice—Sam Rice," say the sport editor. "He just busted one on the beaser for three."

"Wow, wow," say Tommy Thompson, "listen to that noise!"

"Foster just sacrificed Rice home," say the sport editor, "but I see no advantage of the sacrifice. Bad business, I say. You should ought to

advertise every sacrifice sale."

"Blam," say the sport editor, "that's Morgan. He busted one to left. Woof, woof, did you get that wallop of Almsmith's? Good for a tally."

Abie is Nervouslike.

I get nervouslike. I don't see no bust. I don't see no 'woof, woof.

Then the sport editor, he say, "Abie, come on, let's go back to Shoo's. It's up to you, you know. We'll take Pitt and Tommy and Dugan, and I'll let you buy. I'd take Brown, that fat guy up there, only he's owed me a drink for five years. You wouldn't buy him a drink, would you?"

"No, I wouldn't," say I to the sport editor, Washington Times. "And I won't buy you a drink, or Pitt, or Tommy or Dugan. I don't see no baseball game."

"Well, that's easily explained," say the sport editor. He's a clever fellah. "You see, it's like this. Griff used Old Dr. Cox. He had everything. The Yankees couldn't do a thing with him, except in one frame, and even then three bingles got them nothing. May be Bill Sloucom or Harry Shumacker might tell a different story, but for me, Old Dr. Cox was the real thing. So now let's go down to Shoo's and I'll let you buy."

"Hush," say I, Abie the Agent. "I'll buy when Brown, that fat guy, buys. And the sport editor was mad with me, Clark, mad with me."

But you have a great baseball team, especially that business fence.

Included you'll find my business card. If ever you want a good Complex automobile, call on me.

BOX SCORE.

New York		Washington	
AB	HO	AB	HO
High, Jr.	4 2 1 0	Menck, Jr.	4 1 1 0
Pekka, Jr.	4 1 1 0	Morgan, Jr.	3 1 1 0
Pippin, Jr.	3 1 1 0	Rice, Jr.	3 1 1 0
Gee, Jr.	3 1 1 0	Wagner, Jr.	3 1 1 0
Baker, Jr.	3 1 1 0	Morgan, Jr.	3 1 1 0
Head, Jr.	3 1 1 0	Leon, Jr.	3 1 1 0
Nutman, Jr.	3 1 1 0	Henry, Jr.	3 1 1 0
Shocker, Jr.	3 1 1 0	Alms, Jr.	3 1 1 0
Chapman, Jr.	3 1 1 0	Ayers, Jr.	3 1 1 0
Caldwell, Jr.	1 0 0 0		
Totals	35 13 13	Totals	35 13 13

"Batted for Shocker in eighth.

New York..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 6-6
Washington..... 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2-3

Runs—Menck, Jr. and Morgan. Left on bases—New York, 4; Washington, 4. First base on balls—Shocker, 1; off Ayers, 1. Innings pitched—By Shocker, 7; by Cullip, 1. Struck out—By Shocker, 1; by Cullip, 1. By Ayers, 1. Base hits—High, Jr., two; Pekka, Jr., one; Pippin, Jr., one; Gee, Jr., one; Baker, Jr., one; Head, Jr., one; Nutman, Jr., one; Shocker, Jr., one; Chapman, Jr., one; Caldwell, Jr., one.

Time of game—1 hour and 45 minutes.

GIANTS CINCH PENNANT BY TRIMMING PHILLIES

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WOULD TAX TENNIS MEN DOLLAR EACH FOR N. L. T. A. FUND

John Holmead, president of the suburban Tennis League, is out with a proposition to support the National Lawn Tennis Association fund for a Red Cross ambulance.

The Suburban League head would tax all members of the various clubs in the circuit \$1 apiece and in this way get a considerable sum together for the Red Cross.

"I believe there would be no difficulty in raising a good sum by taxing each member of the Suburban League a dollar. We have a membership of more than 200, and I think there is interest in the proposition," says Holmead.

Presidents Asked.

Various club presidents will be approached within the next few days in order to spread information and get opinions.

It has been proposed that the Departmental League men forgo their annual dinner and spend the money usually charged for food for the ambulance fund.

The sum asked Washington by the U. S. N. L. T. A. is a thousand dollars. Considerable money has been raised in tennis and golf circles through tournaments, exhibitions, and donations. It is expected that the thousands asked for an ambulance in the unit being gotten up by the tennis association will be fully subscribed.

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